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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY DACCA, BANGALESH,
JULY 26:

QUOTE

A. I REACHED DACCA 10TH INSTANT AND SITUATION HAS BEEN
RECIEVED WITH US EMBASSY, PLANNING COMMISSION, MINISTRY OF COMMU-
NICATIONS TO WHICH CHITTAGONG PORT TRUST IS REPORTING, AND ALSO
EASTERN REFINERY COMING UNDER MINSTRY OF INDUSTRY. THE INTENTION
OF THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS NOW TO PLACE BOTH EASTERN REFINERY AND
OFFSHORE OIL TERMINAL UNDER MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

B. PENDING FINALISATION OF THIS POLICY AND TO STRIVE TOWARDS
THAT DIRECTION ERL HAS BEEN ASKED TO MAKE BUDGET AND TECHNICAL
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING OSOT. SINCE NEITHER CPT NOR THE
SECRETARY COMMUNICATIONS HAS TRANSMITTED A COPY OF YOUR MARCH
PORPOSAL TO ERL, I HAVE REMITTED MY LAST COPY TO ERL. KINDLY
AIR MAIL US THREE COPIES TO REPLACE IT.

C. AS FAR AS I CAN SEE WE CAN MAKE HEADWAY TECHNICALLY AND
POLITICALLY IF WE EQUIP ERL WITH A FEASIBILITY DEMONSTRATKVD
BASED UPON OSOT REVENUE TAKA 6 PER TON OF CRUDE ANNUAL TRAFFIC
ONE MILLION. CONCEIVABLY THIS 1967 RATE OF 6 TAKA COULD BE
INCREASED TO 10. RATE OF EXCHANGE TAKA 7.50 FOR ONE DOLLAR.
ALSO SAVING IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPENSE FOR LIGHTERAGE SHOULD
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BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

D. FURTHERMORE TWO NEW FACTORS SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN A REVISED PROPOSAL. PRIMO, ERL WILL INSIST ON IMODCO ORGANISING LIGHTERAGE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF OSOT BREAKDOWN AT IMODCO EXPENSE BARRING FORCE MAJEURE. SECUNDO, VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS CPT AS OUTLINED IN YOUR DRAFT CONTRACT NOT TO BE EXPECTED, IN PARTICULAR MV RAHMAN AND MV SAMILLULAH, BOTH SUNK. CONSEQUENTLY CHARTERING OF SAME SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN DRAFT PROPOSAL.

E. IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF MINISTRIES, WHICH IS HELPING MY POSITION, I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD MAKE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO FINALIZE THIS BUSINESS.

F. PROJECT TO ABANDON OSOT AND REPLACE IT BY DEEP SEA FIXED INSTALLATIONS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DISCARDED.

G. MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE VIA STATE DEPT.? REPLY PREPAID HERE. REGARDS. RIVOLLIER UNQUOTE
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